

**OBTAINING SERVICE WHEN IN A NO-COVERAGE AREA OF A
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM**

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

10 A method for obtaining service when in a no-coverage area of a radiotelephone
communication system includes a first step of storing information regarding a last
known available communication system. This can be accomplished through the
communication system when loss of service is imminent or through independent means
after service is lost. A next step includes reporting the information about the last known
available communication system to a user of the radiotelephone. A next step includes
using the information to obtain service from the last known available communication
system. For example, a user could use timing information to backtrack their steps or use
15 location information to obtain service.